

The politicians and the special interests are at it again! Not only have they racked up a \$19 billion deficit but now they are trying to con Californians into voting for a phony \$11 billion water bond.

Proposition 18 is a pork measure that gives billions of dollars to special interests and bureaucrats:

- The Riverside Press-Enterprise said it contains: *"a host of other items that have little to do with the state's central water concerns. The state simply cannot afford such politically motivated handouts."*
- Sacramento Bee Columnist Dan Walters observed: *"There's another \$250 million(in Proposition 18) to partially pay for removing dams on the Klamath River that have nothing to do with California's water supply -- a benefit to PacifiCorp, the dams' operator, which is owned by billionaire Warren Buffett, Schwarzenegger's old pal."*
- San Jose Mercury-News asks: *"why not just get them (legislators) to take out the pork and offer up a smarter, more basic plan that Californians might actually approve. . . ?"*

The Legislature's attorney admitted Proposition 18 is so poorly written that *"...no amount of the \$11,140,000,000 in bonds ...would be required to be expended for a surface water storage facility..."*

A so-called "water bond" that doesn't even guarantee to build water facilities or increase water supply? Those politicians, lobbyists and bureaucrats have no shame. California's bonded indebtedness is already at \$73 billion!

Join family farmers, taxpayers, small business owners and other hardworking Californians by voting NO on Proposition 18 – the \$11 billion boondoggle.

JEFF DENHAM

California Senator

PROPOSITION 18 WON'T CREATE NEW RELIABLE, SUSTAINABLE WATER SOURCES.

"Proposition 18 would spend billions, but ignore sustainable and cheaper ways to conserve water and clean up water pollution." – John DeCock, President, Clean Water Action

PROPOSITION 18 DOESN'T HELP COMMUNITIES IN NEED.

"Proposition 18 allows corporations to privatize public water projects. Let's solve California's water crisis by getting safe drinking water to millions of Californians currently forced to rely on polluted water, not by lining the pockets of corporate interests." – Dolores Huerta, Co-Founder of the United Farm Workers

PROPOSITION 18 LACKS PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY.

"Billions of dollars would be funneled to an unelected, Governor-appointed commission that could approve spending on projects that hurt our environment." – Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla, Restore the Delta

CALIFORNIA FACES ONGOING BUDGET DEFICITS AND PROPOSITION 18 WOULD ADD ALMOST ANOTHER \$1,000,000,000 IN DEBT EVERY YEAR.

"With an already outrageous budget deficit, California can't afford an additional \$1 billion every year, taking even more money away from our students, our schools and other essential services." – David Sanchez, President, California Teachers Association

Even organizations that supported previous water bonds have studied Proposition 18 and urge a NO VOTE. OPPONENTS include:

- Food and Water Watch
- Planning and Conservation League
- Friends of the River

- Southern California Watershed Alliance
- San Diego Coastkeeper

Vote NO on Proposition 18 and tell the politicians to get back to work on real water solutions that truly address California's immediate water needs and create a more sustainable water future.

Visit www.voteno18.org—and vote NO!

Jim Metropulos, Senior Advocate, Sierra Club California

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